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Public Meeting  
Regional Service Council  
Region 10  
April 17, 2015

### **Council Members in Attendance**

P. Surbey, Chair, DCS Region 10 Director/Regional Manager; A. Johnson, DCS Deputy Director; C. Couch, Regional Services Coordinator; A. Foxworthy, DCS Supervisor; K. Reid, DCS Division Manager; M. Schadler, DCS Supervisor; J. Davis, CPT/Religious Community; S. Sluss, DCS Legal; B. Ping, Juvenile Ct; M. Locotosh, Foster Parent; G. Ellis, Child Advocates; M. McGeney, DCS Division Manager

### **Visitors**

J. Asher & E. Davis, Connections; J. Wide, DCS; A. Shufflebarger, MCCOY; B. Clawson, J. Cline, L. Harvey, Children's Bureau; N. Orange, Family and Community Partners; D. Wade, Families Connected; Lenette Williams-King, Whites Residential and Family Services; C. Hines, Inner Beauty Prog/New B.O.Y.; M. Norman, Choices; J. Ensinger, Columbus Beh Center; S. Payne-Miller, Reach for Youth; S. Hawks, Youth Villages; K. Stevenson, Alliance for Life; D. King, NYAP; M. Gewaltney, Families First; C. Thorpe, Capitol City Fam Ed Svs; D. Reed, The Villages; K. Malapote, SW IN Regional Youth Villages; H. Day, Friends of Noah; A. Bridge, Social Health Assoc; K. Dixon, Asante Children's Theatre

### **Introductions of Members/Housekeeping**

A quorum of members introduced themselves. March 20, 2015 minutes were read and approved. Minutes will be posted to the DCS website within 10 days.

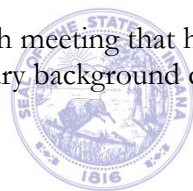
P. Surbey will be sending the council quarterly reports from January –March 2015 out to the council electronically due to the large quantity.

J. Klein reminded the providers that the reports are supposed to be sent to her and P. Surbey.

C. Couch announced there will be a provider exhibit during the Trauma Informed Care Symposium on May 20, 2015. There are quite a few spots available.

P. Surbey updated all on the Symposium. There is a really good line up of speakers set to appear. There are still spots open to register.

P. Surbey brought up business from March meeting that had been tabled. Dayspring had requested \$30,000 but had not completed all necessary background checks. J. Klein contacted Dayspring and



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was told they have completed all of the background checks but they did not send them to her for her to verify. A vote was needed to see if they would still give Dayspring more time or to reallocate the money. After much discussion it was decided it would be tabled for now and that J. Klein would make one last effort to reach a representative and if need be, vote on something via conference call.

### **2016/2017 Budget**

Budget for fiscal year 2016/2017 was approved. Children's Bureau will continue to be our community provider. The allocated amount will be \$4,764,318.28. Concrete assistance that was approved was in the amount of \$238,216 which is 5% of the budget. The brokered dollars were \$1,429,295.48. All of the amounts were the same as 2014/2015 funding.

### **Other Updates/Business**

P. Surbey reminded everyone about the Bidders Conference at the Children's Bureau on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00am. It is a mandatory conference for anyone requesting prevention funds. Only about 13 entities have signed up so far. Everyone must sign in at the meeting to be counted as present.

K. Dixon came and gave a short presentation about the wonderful program at the Asante Children's Theatre that mostly focuses on bullying.

P. Surbey mentioned the Inner Beauty Pageant Queen attended our Child Abuse Prevention Month kickoff at the Statehouse. C. Hines thanked the Council for the funding to help with the Beauty Pageant.

P. Surbey spoke about a press conference that Judge Moores attended about the increase in numbers at DCS due to drug use, particularly Heroin. The need is great for Foster Parents, Pre adoptive Parents and CASA volunteers. Anyone interested can get a hold of P. Surbey, Child Advocates or call the 1-888#.

Also announced was May is Foster Parent Appreciation Month. P. Surbey thanked M. Locotosh from the council who is a Foster Parent and was named Foster Parent of the year last year for all of the work he has done.

A. Johnson announced that DCS willing to come speak to Clubs or Churches about Introduction to DCS which will also be about Foster Parenting.

G. Ellis announced an Art and Poetry contest at the Arts Garden April 23 from 6-7:30 put on by Child Advocates. He also announced training that prevention dollars helped to fund called Undoing Racism that would be held April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. There are a lot of spots still open and anyone can sign up by contacting Child Advocates.

J. Klein stated one more email would be sent out to providers about the Bidder Conference.

Michelle from Families First announced a free training Tuesday April 21. Registration is 7:30am and training is from 8-10 am at the Indianapolis Public Library Auditorium.

Courage Center reopened today.

B. Ping wanted to make sure everything was clear about the Dayspring money in case they will not be able to use it and the money could be reallocated. It was decided that Peggy would be able to decide what would happen with that money and after contacting the council a telephonic vote would occur. The motion was carried and passed.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and passed.